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MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Report No. D-1035

March 26, 1999

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

IN RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

The applications listed herein, upon initial review, appear to be complete and have been accepted for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return or dismiss any of these applications, if upon further examination, it is determined they are defective or not in substantial compliance with Commission Rules. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 21.20 and 21.26.

Final action will not be taken on any of these applications until the expiration of a period of 30 days following the date of this notice, except for microwave radio applications not requiring a 30-day notice period (see Section 309(c) of the Communications Act), or as otherwise noted. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.4 and 21.27. Unless specified to the contrary, comments or petitions may be filed concerning these applications within 30 days of the date of this notice, with the limited exception under 47 C.F.R. Section 21.902(i). See 47 C.F.R. Sections 21.30 and 21.902(i).

With regard to mutual exclusivity of these Multipoint Distribution Service applications, see 47 C.F.R. Sections 21.31. and 21.914. With limited exceptions, an application which is subsequently amended by a major change will be considered as a newly filed application for purposes of the "cut-off" rule. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 21.23 and 21.31.

For information on other microwave facilities, refer to Public Notices released by the Wireless Bureau.

<u>AIR HAZARDS CAUSED BY IMPROPERLY MARKED</u> & LIGHTED COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received reports of aircraft collisions with unlighted or improperly lighted communications towers. Accident reports and studies reveal that radio tower owners and FCC licensees need to be more aware of the need for conformance to FCC issued obstruction marking and lighting specifications.

When radio towers are greater than 200 feet in height and/or near an airport, the owner or licensee must apply for <u>FCC</u> issued obstruction marking and lighting specifications. During construction, temporary warning lights must be installed at the top of the structure, and at each level where permanent lights will be installed.

Licensees should insure that their towers are marked and lighted in accordance with the specifications on their permits. Daily inspections must be made to ensure that the lights are on and operating properly. Any variances must be approved by the FCC's Antenna Survey Branch (ASB).

If a light outage occurs which cannot be corrected within thirty minutes, the local FAA Flight Service Station (FSS) must be contacted immediately. The FSS will issue a warning to pilots. The FSS must also be notified when the lights are again operational so the warning may be rescinded.

The FCC intends to continue its close scrutiny of radio towers. Appropriate action, including issuance of fines and/or revocation of the station license, will be taken against the user or owner of any unauthorized or improperly marked radio tower.

(Commercial Instructional Television Fixed Service)

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Certifications of Completion of Construction (FCC Form 304A) submitted for filing:

ST	Date Filed	File Number	Conditional Licensee	Primary Serv. Area City, State	File Number Conditional License (FCC Form 304)	Call Sign	Channel(s)
TX	11-03-95	CIL-96-51559	Heartland Wireless Commercial Channels, Inc.	George West, TX	CIP-92-00265	WMX636	C Group